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**Closure of Inside Waters of the Southeast Section in the
Kodiak District to Commercial Tanner Crab Fishing**

Emergency Order No. 4-S-05-13

In the Southeast Section of the Kodiak District, waters north of the latitude at Boot Point (56° 49.98' N. Lat.) and west of a line extending 168° from Cape Barnabas will close to Tanner crab fishing at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Catch reports indicate harvest in this area will approach survey estimates of allowable Tanner crab surplus. Further harvest is not warranted to protect the long-term health of Tanner crab in this area.

All pots within the closed area must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area in waters greater than 25 fathoms in depth for 72 hours. After 72 hours, all pots remaining in the closed area must be removed from the water or placed in waters 25 fathoms in depth or less.

Waters of the Southeast Section south of the latitude at Boot Point will remain open to commercial Tanner crab fishing until further notice. Vessels operators are not required to deliver crab harvested from the closed area unless changing section registration.

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